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FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D).

KOSOVO SERB POLICE STAY; GATES REMAIN CLOSED

¶1. (SBU) U.S. Office Pristina reports Serb members of the Kosovo Police Service will remain in their jobs for the time being, despite shunning the government of Kosovo.
(Kosovo MG/U.S. Office Pristina e-mail and telcon)

¶2. (SBU) Post reports KFOR will transfer control over the destroyed northern gates to UNMIK and hopes to open the gates to limited traffic soon. Customs collection remains an issue.
(Kosovo MG/U.S. Office Pristina e-mail and telcon)

FEITH TAKES UP EU POST IN KOSOVO

¶3. (U) Media report EU Special Representative to Kosovo Feith met with President Sejdiu to reaffirm EULEX deployment throughout Kosovo, including the north.
(Reuters)

SERBIA DISAVOWS SAMARDZIC REMARKS

¶4. (SBU) Embassy Belgrade reports Serbian Director for Media Relations Mihajlovic said Minister for Kosovo Samardzic's comments on border post attacks did not reflect official policy.
(Kosovo MG/Embassy Belgrade e-mail)

FEW REPORTS OF REFUGEES

¶5. (SBU) U.S. Office Pristina confirms only four families have left Kosovo since independence. Peaceful and orderly protests continue daily in the north.
(Kosovo MG/U.S. Office Pristina e-mail, Kosovo MG/PRM e-mail)

LATVIA RECOGNIZES KOSOVO, OTHERS COUNTRIES TO DO SO SOON

¶6. (C) Embassy Riga reports Latvia recognized Kosovo on February 20. According to the respective U.S. Embassies, El Salvador, Slovenia, South Korea, Lithuania, and the Netherlands will recognize Kosovo soon. Embassy Baghdad reports Iraq will wait for an Arab consensus.
(Riga 94, San Salvador 195, Seoul 330, Vilnius 109, Ljubljana 78, Kosovo MG/Embassy The Hague e-mail, Baghdad 480)
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